

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHING OF YOUTH RECREATIONAL AND PARK FACILITIES ON PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE KEY WEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE AUGUST 15, 2017 CITY COMMISSION MEETING; REQUESTING THAT THE RECOMMENDATION REPORT SPECIFY WHAT CAN BE DONE MOST IMMEDIATELY TO CREATE PLAYING FIELDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in 2002, the United States of America, through the National Parks Service conveyed 43.77 acres of land lying adjacent to Key West International Airport and Government Road, known as Little Hamaca Park and former Hawk Missile Site to the City of Key West; and

WHEREAS, said conveyance was made with the express reservation that "said property was to be used for the perpetual use of the City as a public park and for public recreational use purposes;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West is in need of suitable recreational properties and parks for the use of its citizens and youth, for multi-sports fields where sports may be played; and

WHEREAS, there is in Key West a need for multi-use sports facilities which would allow for local sports teams to host tournaments and other multi-team events for visiting teams to travel to Key West and participate in such competitions; and

WHEREAS, inasmuch as such sports improvements would benefit all of Key West as competing teams and their families and friends would come to Key West and stay to support their teams while they compete in such sporting events, the same would make the construction of these sports facilities eligible to receive grants and assistance from tourist development taxes and lessen the burden upon taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Manager and staff shall examine the land and buildings located at Little Hamaca Park and the Hawk Missile Site and all properties conveyed by the deed of 2002, which lies off Government Road, to recommend to the City Commission what can be achieved on such land by way of construction of recreational facilities and multi-sports fields as well as park facilities to be enjoyed by the citizens and youth of Key West.

Section 2: That the City Manager is directed to report back to the City Commission, at its August 15, 2017 regular meeting, with staff recommendations and findings with regard to establishing recreational sports and park facilities on those properties.

Section 3: That said report shall include recommendations as to what can be done most immediately to create playing fields for our youth, through grading and sodding appropriate sites.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2017.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2017.

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| Mayor Craig Cates | _____ |
| Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez | _____ |
| Commissioner Sam Kaufman | _____ |
| Commissioner Richard Payne | _____ |
| Commissioner Margaret Romero | _____ |
| Commissioner Billy Wardlow | _____ |
| Commissioner Jimmy Weekley | _____ |

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK